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SUBJ: RHODESIA: APPROACH TO BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT

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1. AFTER COORDINATION WITH BRITISH COLLEAGUES, CHARGE CALLED ON MINISTER MARCELLO RAFFAELLI (CHIEF, FOREIGN MINISTRY'S AFRICA-ASIA DEPARTMENT) SEPTEMBER 6 TO MAKE PRESENTATION ON BRITISH SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS (REFTEL A). BRITISH COLLEAGUES HAD PRESENTED WHITE PAPER, INCLUDING ANNEXES, THE PREVIOUS DAY.

2. CHARGE SAID WE WISHED TO OPEN DIALOGUE WITH GOB ON THESE PROPOSALS AND WOULD LIKE TO STAY IN TOUCH AS DEVELOPMENTS UNFOLD. HE THEN PRESENTED TALKING POINTS (REFTEL B), COVERING THE UN ASPECTS OF THE PLAN IN SOME DETAIL AND NOTING KEY PASSAGES OF OWEN LAW AND ORDER STATEMENT (REFTEL D), WHICH RAFFAELLI HAD NOT YET SEEN. TALKING POINTS WERE LEFT WITH RAFAELLI.

3. RAFFAELLI THOUGHT CHARGE FOR THE PRESENTATION AND SAID FUTURE EXCHANGES OF VIEWS, AS THE SITUATION UNFOLDS, WOULD BE APPRECIATED. RAFFAELLI (WHO, JUST RETURNING FROM AN ASSIGNMENT IN LONDON, HAD BEEN BRIEFED BY THE FOREIGN OFFICE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE) QUICKLY MOVED FROM THE SPECIFICS OF THE PROPOSALS TO THE QUESTION OF HOW SMITH'S OWN PROPOSALS, WHICH WOULD SHORTLY BE FORTHCOMING, WERE LIKELY TO AFFECT THE UK-US PLAN. CHARGE REITERATED THAT UK AND US WOULD NOT PERMIT ANY ONE PARTY A VETO AND, IN THIS CONNECTION, NOTED IMPORTANCE OF THE PROSPECTIVE MOVES IN THE UN, ENVISAGED BY THE PLAN, IN PUTTING PRESSURE ON THE PARTIES.

4. RAFAELLI SAID THAT GOB WAS VERY MUCH AWARE OF THE WEAKNESS OF ITS POSITION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ITS LACK OF INFLUENCE WITH THE NATIONS OF THAT AREA, DESPITE THE FACT THAT IT MAINTAINS RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA AND  
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MOZAMBIQUE. THUS, HE SAID, THE OFFICIAL VIEW IS THAT THERE IS LITTLE BRAZIL CAN DO AT THIS POINT WITH REGARD TO THE RHODESIAN QUESTION. RAFFAELLI ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT GOB WOULD BE WILLING TO LISTEN AND CONSIDER WHETHER ITS PARTICIPATION IN CONSULTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS MIGHT BE HELPFUL OR WHETHER IT COULD PLAY ANY OTHER TYPE OF USEFUL ROLE. HE AGREED WITH CHARGE'S STATEMENT THAT GOB POSTURE WOULD FIRST BECOME OPERATIONALLY RELEVANT IN NEW YORK DURING CONSIDERATION IN THE UN OF THE RHODESIA SETTLEMENT QUESTION.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INCLUDED AS INFO ADDRESSEE FOR APPROPRIATE MESSAGES.  
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